

SOCIETY CHAT.

Mrs. Harrison held her first public reception of this season yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, and there was a perfect stream of callers at the White House during those hours. Ladies largely predominated. The Marine Band was stationed in the vestibule, and played a number of lively selections. On this occasion Mrs. Harrison departed from the usual practice of having only wives of Cabinet officers to assist by selecting the wife of Chief Justice Fuller and the wife of Associate Justice Brown for that purpose. The ladies of the families of the Cabinet officers were in the Blue Parlor, and assisted in entertaining the ladies specially invited to remain during the reception and to luncheon afterwards. Mrs. Harrison wore a rich black silk gown, with old-rose Fedora front, and carried a large bouquet of roses. Mrs. Fuller wore a gray silk brocade gown and carried white flowers. Mrs. Brown wore a becoming electric-blue gown of satin brocade. Her face is delicate and refined, and her hair brown and wide. She wore her hair in soft curls. She carried a bouquet of La France roses. Her manner was winning and easy. All the assistants behind the line were young unmarried ladies, and such an array of feminine loveliness has seldom been seen in the White House. They all wore gowns of light crepe, silk, or bengaline. Miss Audenreid, who so soon to become a bride, attracted much attention. Her art gown was of pale-violet crepe, the bodice of green silk and lace the wide angel sleeves of crepe. Miss Mitchell wore an old-rose flowered brocade; Miss Walthall, white silk with ostrich feather trimmings; Miss Scrantom, pink crepe; Miss Dalzell, red silk; the Misses Leiter, gray silk with yellow crepe trimmings; Miss Cabell, white silk; the Misses Pannecote wore very pretty white silk crepe costumes; Miss Parker, apricot silk; Miss Wakefield, canary-colored crepe; Miss Jones, white silk; Miss Wiley, white crepe; Mrs. McKee, a poppy-red flowered India silk; Miss Lacy, yellow tulle; Miss Rusk, gray carriage costume; Miss Daisy Brown, rich carriage costume. Among those present were Mrs. Commissioner of Education, daughter, Mrs. M. D. Lincoln, Mrs. Mary Frost Ormsley, of New York; Mrs. J. H. Ralston, Mrs. Miliklin, Mrs. Hill, Miss Gooley, of Mt. Gleason, Ohio; Mrs. J. A. Garver, Mrs. A. Ustick, Mrs. George R. Currier, Mrs. T. W. Rose, Mrs. Griffin, of Baltimore; Miss Reed, of Wisconsin; Miss Baily, of New York; Miss Burchell, Mrs. Rusk, Mrs. Senator Edwards, Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Spindley, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Tullock, and Mrs. Bentley.

Admiral and Mrs. Worden gave a very handsome tea on Saturday to introduce their granddaughter, Miss Harriet Worden, of New York. Admiral and Mrs. Worden have not entertained publicly for a long time, and all availed themselves of the opportunity to pay their respects. The Army and Navy being well represented. The house was beautifully decorated with palms, lilies, and cut flowers. Miss Worden, the debutante, is a handsome blonde. She stood beside her grandmother, attired in pure white crepe, combined with silk. She made a very charming appearance. Mrs. Worden wore a rich black lace gown, and Miss Grace Worden, the debutante's aunt, wore a French gray cloth gown, draped with lace. In the dining-room an elegant collation was served from a table decorated with maiden hair ferns and La France roses. One of the pleasing events of the reception was the calling of the young ladies who were Mrs. Harrison's guests at the White House. Among the callers were the Belgian Minister, Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller, Sir Julian and Lady Pannecote, the French Minister, Mr. Rouston; Justice and Mrs. Field, Admiral and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Bancroft, Captain and Mrs. Sheritt, Justice and Mrs. Gray, General and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft Davis, Countess DeAschot, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ashton, Judge and Mrs. Aldis, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Cabot Lodge, General and Mrs. Berdan, Miss Cameron, the Misses Pannecote, Miss Mitchell, Miss Seidmore, Miss Warfield, Miss Breckinridge, Miss Dalzell, Miss Walthall, the Misses Grosvenor, Miss Gorman, Miss Casey, Miss Quay, Miss Sherman, Miss Puzley, Miss Harlan, Miss Fuller, Miss Dahlgren, and Miss Kenna.

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McFarlan, 1225 T street, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward E. Clement, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Josephine Adele McFarlan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. B. Hamdell, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church. It was a quiet home event, only the relatives and immediate friends being present, among whom were Dr. and Mrs. Daniel McFarlan, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. C. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rapp, Mrs. and Miss Knapp, Mrs. Camp, Mrs. S. B. Evans, Mrs. Dimmick, Mrs. and Miss McGill, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rapp, Mr. John Kingsbury, Mr. A. W. Rapp, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Woodworth, Miss Daisy Schrack, Mrs. and Miss Bazzell, Mr. William Brown, Mrs. Arthur Bird, Mr. Kimball, Miss Coutour, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Church, and Mr. Harry Rapp, of West Virginia. The bride was attired in a dress of white faille silk and carried a bouquet of white roses, and was attended by her little ten-year-old sister, Lorraine, who acted as maid of honor. After the congratulations had been extended and the guests had partaken of a bountiful repast, the bride changed her wedding dress for a traveling suit of gray broadcloth trimmed with black astrakhan and hat to match. The happy couple left on the 5 o'clock limited express for New York City, where they will remain for a week or ten days.

One of the most beautiful teas of the season was that given by Mrs. William Thompson Harrison on Thursday afternoon, from 4 to 6. The spacious and elegant parlors of the Niles mansion were thronged with the most eminent society people up to the last minute. Mrs. Harris wore an exquisite crepe, embroidered in silver, and was as bright and delightful a hostess as can be found in Washington. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Russell Harrison, Mrs. Charles Campbell, Mrs. William Haywood, Miss Phoenix, Mrs. John Glover, and Mrs. Hixey. Presiding at the tea tables in the drawing-room were Mrs. William Corcoran Hill and Miss Hoy. In the dining-room Dr. Magruder, Mrs. Parker, and Mrs. William Mercer Sprigg held sway most charmingly, and there a sumptuous repast was served. Among those present were Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Miller, General and Mrs. Watnough, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Wamsmaker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon, Gen. Robinson, Gen. Benét, Lieutenant and Mrs. Brown, Mr. Montgomery Fletcher, General and Mrs. Van Vleet, Dr. McClellan, Countess Esterhazy, Mrs. Dix Bolles, Mr. Charles Campbell, Mr. Sevelion Brown, Mr. Tappan, and Dr. Alex. Magruder.

Miss Daisy Shankland of this city, who is spending the winter in Philadelphia with her aunt, Mrs. Florence Fox, is developing literary talent which bids fair to rival the artistic talent in painting which has already been displayed by her sister, Miss Eugenia Shankland, a member of the "life class" of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Several of Miss Daisy's literary productions have recently been published in Eastern journals.

Mrs. James L. Barbour held her second reception yesterday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. Webb, Mrs. John Paul Jones, Miss Soule, and Miss Rasin, of Baltimore.

Miss Fannie Edwards, of Baltimore, is visiting the Misses Simms, of Corcoran street.

Miss Lillie Loring is making a visit to friends in this city.

On Wednesday morning last the handsome parlors of the Arno were crowded by a brilliant audience, before which Miss Gay, so well known in literary and social circles in Washington, delivered by request a lecture on the Passion Play which she witnessed in August at Oberammergau. For an hour and a half the attention of all present was unflinchingly held by the graphic descriptions, graceful manner, and flowing eloquence of the speaker, who, herself moved by visible emotions of the deepest reverence and fervor, succeeded in inspiring in her audience a like spirit, and in placing them thoroughly on rapport with the spectacular beauty, deep meaning, and grand solemnity of this wonderful performance of the Bavarian peasants. At the conclusion of the lecture the enthusiasm of the audience manifested itself in quite an ovation to Miss Gay, every one pressing forward to express with their thanks congratulations on her brilliant and impressive effort. In response to many requests Miss Gay will repeat this lecture on Saturday, January 17, but the audience will be limited to the seating capacity of a private parlor at the Arno.

The Columbia Ideals celebrated the first anniversary of their organization, as well as the opening of their new club-rooms, on Monday, January 5, 1891, by a delightful reception and banquet. The Acorn Club, of East Washington, were the guests of the Ideals on this occasion, and did all in their power to help make it a grand success. Among those present were the Acorn Club, consisting of Messrs. W. Betz, Robert and William Greenwell, James Coleman, Harry Bailey, Daniel Hughes, and Lacey. Of the Columbia Ideals were Messrs. L. A. Tossy, F. Lee Neumeier, S. B. Ellis, F. W. Fawcett, George Colton, W. W. C. Sheed, Jr., B. S. Donaldson, A. W. Mills, F. J. Rolow, G. R. Rothe, C. Stotsenburg, E. Conry, C. Lally, F. G. Johnson, and W. Richmond. Among others present were William Walters, James Streamer, David and I. F. Harvey, and James Ellett, of the Viola Social Club. Comic songs by G. Rothe and comic recitation by F. Lee Neumeier added merriment to the occasion.

The initial dance of the recently organized Dancing Club took place on Wednesday night at the residence of Senator Quay. Mrs. Quay was assisted in receiving by Miss Quay and the Misses Rice. The spacious mansion was tastefully and lavishly adorned with palms and roses. There was the handsome ball-room for the dancers to enjoy themselves in, while the other rooms were delightful retreats for the lookers-on or those conversationally inclined. Among others present were Mrs. Walthall, Miss Courtney Walthall, Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs, Miss Murphy, Miss Burdette, the Misses Beveridge, Miss Lila Galt, Miss Lida Scrantom, Miss Soule, Miss Rasin, of Baltimore; Miss Dalzell, Miss Ellen Riley, Miss Mahone, Miss Mills, the Misses Hough, Miss Kauffmann, and Miss Black, and Messrs. Quay, Bates, Larner, Miller, Francis, Chambers, Riley, Soule, King, Joyce, Vaughn, Jones, and Dr. Rasin, of Baltimore. About midnight a superb supper was served in the dining-room.

The marriage of Mr. A. Ralph Johnson, of this city, and Miss Alice C. Hedian, of Baltimore, took place at the residence of Mr. Johnson, at 11:30 o'clock. A. M. in St. Ignatius Church, Baltimore, the Rev. Father Francis J. Ryan officiating. The large edifice was crowded with invited guests. The ushers were Messrs. Walter, William, and Jacob Hedian, R. A. Johnson, Louis Johnson, and Oscar Johnson. The pretty altar was aglow with lights, while floral decorations were profuse. The bride wore an elegant traveling dress of cerise, with bonnet to match. Miss Alice Hedian acted as maid of honor and Mr. William Johnson as best man. On the return from their Northern trip Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will reside in this city at 1334 L street. Among those present from this city were Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison Johnson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kurtz Johnson, Miss Johnson, and J. Frank Stephenson.

The Short Story Club met at Miss Ringold's, 906 Fourteenth street, on Wednesday evening. The exercises opened by a trio on the piano, violin, and flute by members of the Georgetown Orchestra. Then followed a song by Mrs. Morgan, a poem by Mrs. Voorhees, "When My Ship Comes In." The story-teller of the evening was Mrs. Deudonne, who read a weird but well-written production, reminding one of Haggard's gruesome tales. Then followed a long programme of recitations, songs, etc., by members of the club. Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. Deudonne, Miss Snow, Mrs. Stowe, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. M. S. Lockwood, Mrs. Bell, Miss Gray, Mrs. Crandall, and Mrs. Hort.

Mrs. John A. Logan's residence, Calumet Place, was crowded with callers on Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 5. Mrs. Logan wore an elegant toilet of black silk. She was assisted by Mrs. Tucker, in striped bengaline; Miss Pullman, in poppy-red cloth, with black silk sleeves, beaded, and Miss Pearson, of Chicago, in violet crepe; Miss Judson, Mrs. Senator Stanford's guest, in white; Mrs. Paymaster General Smith, in black silk and lace. Mrs. Representative Rowell and Miss Rowell, and the Misses Cannon, all of Illinois, were assisting, and wore handsome afternoon toilets.

The Bayadere Club had their last entertainment at the home of Miss Teresa Saul. Fifteen games of progressive euchre were played, and the winning prizes awarded to Miss J. D. Johnson and Mr. Floerke. The booby prizes were secured by Mrs. Becker and Mr. Oscar Johnson. The next meeting, a fancy masquerade, will be in the latter part of the month.

Mrs. Senator Walthall's home was thronged with callers on Wednesday. Miss Walthall is one of the debutante beauties of the season, and is a most charming assistant to her mother. The dining-room was in her charge. Miss Harlan poured tea and Miss Farr chocolate. Several other belles rendered valuable assistance.

Mrs. Howard White, Senator Sawyer's daughter, received a large number of callers on Wednesday. A string band was stationed in the wide hall, and most elaborate refreshments were served. This is one of the most elegant and popular houses in the Senatorial circle.

Mrs. Pullman, of Chicago, did not receive with Mrs. Logan, as published in some of the papers. Mrs. Pullman has been in delicate health for over a year, and is now in California with one of her daughters.

Mrs. Senator Cullom was assisted in receiving by her daughter and Mrs. Colton. Mrs. Cullom and daughter wore elegant black silk gowns, and Mrs. Colton a Paris dress of old-rose cloth and velvet combined.

Mrs. Addison Plumly, formerly Miss Emma Davidson, of this city, who has been residing in Salt Lake City for the past year, is here on a visit to her mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. Senator Casey, of South Dakota, received on Thursday afternoon at Hotel Arno, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Casey wore a garnet silk and velvet gown.

Miss Edith Colt, of Hartford, Conn., and Miss Emily Thomas, of Stamford, Conn., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davies, 1915 Sixth street, Le Droit Park.

Miss Annie Chapman, of Virginia, is the guest of the Misses Entwistle, 637 East Capitol street.

The Misses Abby C. and Rebecca W. Brown, of Boston, are settled at the Arlington for the winter.

Mrs. and Miss Crothers, of Washington, Pa., are located for the winter at the Hamilton House.

Mrs. Senator Mitchell and daughter received a very large number of callers on Thursday.

Mrs. Eugene Hale did not receive on Wednesday.

The Travel Club met Monday evening at the Strathmore Arms. There was a guitar solo by Paul Jones, a song by Miss Gertrude Becker, "In Old Madrid," and an address by ex-Minister Loring. Miss Moore sang "Thou Art Like Unto a Flower," and as an encore an Italian song. There was a piano solo by Miss Bertie Bailey, "Dante's Waltz," and a recitation by Miss Ida Hinds, of New York, "Dream of an Elocutionist." The speaker for Monday evening is Gen. Hazen, whose subject will be "Ballooning and Flying." Ex-Minister Loring was made an honorary member of the club. Among those present were Mrs. Powers, of Youngstown, Ohio; Miss Barker, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. and Miss Vasey, Mrs. E. O. Marble, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Judge Rexford, Mrs. Kimball, Miss Heitzel, Mr. A. B. Crane, of New York; Mrs. Haskell, of Chicago; Mrs. Dean, of Chicago; Mrs. S. C. Davis, of Buffalo; Miss Shaw, of Buffalo; Rev. Dr. Milburn, Representative L. R. Caswell, Representative Kerr, Representative and Mrs. Van Schalk, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Kimbrell, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Skinner, Judge Riley, Mr. J. B. Taylor, Mr. T. T. Stewart, Mr. Kiser, Mr. J. C. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hartman, Mrs. Lucy A. Leggett, Dr. and Mrs. O. F. Presbrey, Judge and Mrs. J. J. Hayden, Miss Imogene Murell, Miss Brinton, Mrs. Dr. Lamb, Mr. Ralph Lynch, Mrs. George E. Pickett, and Mrs. Miss Pratt.

Mrs. Nell Belt gave a largely attended tea last Thursday afternoon at her residence, on New Hampshire avenue. Mrs. Belt was assisted in receiving by Miss Lottie Mason, of Fredericksburg, Va. The dining-room was presided over by Mrs. E. Nelson, who was assisted by Mrs. G. R. Thompson, Miss Kate Paulding, Miss Virgie Faust, and Miss Mason. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. Balch, Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble, Major and Mrs. F. Bates, General and Mrs. H. B. Bone, Mr. and Mrs. F. Robinson, General and Mrs. M. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Wheat, Captain and Mrs. F. McNally, Chief Engineer and Mrs. G. Johnson, Assistant Engineer and Mrs. Mitchell, Paymaster and Mrs. Frailey, Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Gibson, Doctor and Mrs. S. J. Radcliffe, and the Misses Breneman, Long, Wadsworth, Bates, Du Hamel, Townsend, Martin, Moore, Harrie, Wilson, Baldwin, and Radcliffe, and the Messrs. Nelson, Voorhees, Trimble, Martin, Johnson, Franklin, Faust, and Frailey.

Mrs. Herbert H. O. Dunn, wife of Lieut. H. O. Dunn, of the Navy, arrived last Sunday at Havre, France, by the steamer La Bourgogne. Mrs. Dunn expects to winter at Nice or thereabouts. It will be remembered by many naval people that the marriage of Lieutenant and Mrs. Dunn was only consummated last August, at the beautiful old home of the bride's family in Savannah. Mrs. Dunn is the daughter of the late Col. James T. Webb, former partner of N. A. Hardee, of Savannah, and the grand-daughter of a Revolutionary hero, Uzal Knapp, one of Gen. Washington's most trusted life-guard officers. He was a native of New York, and is honored above many by a resting place at the famous old Revolutionary headquarters of Gen. Washington, at Newburg. Mrs. Dunn is also a cousin of the late Maj. Fred Sellick, of Gen. Quitman's staff, who figured so prominently in the Mexican War at the battle of Chapultepec. She joins her husband at Nice.

To the sincere regret of their many friends here, Gen. J. A. Williamson, accompanied by his daughters, Miss Williamson, and Miss Pauline and Madge, went last Thursday to Chicago, where his railroad duties demand Gen. Williamson's presence, and where they expect to stay at the Grand Pacific Hotel for an indefinite time, at any rate for the rest of the winter. His other daughter, Mrs. W. B. Bayley, will remain at the Hotel Richmond, at least until the expiration of her husband's shore duty next spring. Gen. Williamson's family have been so long identified with Washington that a general hope is felt that he may soon return and permanently occupy his pleasant home on N street.

William H. Timmerman and Maggie P. Franck were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's mother on Wednesday evening, the Rev. Father Glyod, of St. Stephen's Church, performing the ceremony. The wedding gown was of tan-colored silk, with Persian trimmings, and was admirably suited to the lovely complexion of the fair young bride. The house was crowded with relatives and friends, the presents numerous and useful, the wedding feast ample and all that could be desired, and every one had a "good time."

The Unity Club have changed the time of meeting from Friday to Wednesday evenings. On last Wednesday evening the club met at the residence of D. S. Lamb, 800 Tenth street. An essay on "Liberty" was read by Mr. W. W. Kinsley, and discussed by several members afterward. The Unity Club is always well attended, and candidates for membership waiting for admission, the limit being one hundred. The club will meet on the 21st instant at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cabell, 1407 Massachusetts avenue.

Mrs. Jules Guthridge held her first reception on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Guthridge, who wore a becoming gown of gray wool, was assisted by Miss Louise Kauffmann, Miss Soule, Miss Rasin, of Baltimore; Miss Boyle, Miss Smith, Miss Wiggins, and Miss Morrow, of California. A dainty collation was served in the dining-room, where the young ladies in charge were hospitably attentive to the throng of callers.

Miss Annie Louise Miller, of Rochester, N. Y., has returned to Washington after a visit of several weeks to her relatives, and has again placed herself under the instruction of Signor Maina, in order to complete her vocal training. Miss Miller's friends are anxiously awaiting her appearance again in public.

Miss Emile Thomas, of Stamford, and Miss Edith A. Colt, of Hartford, Conn., who have been visiting in Washington for the past ten days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davies, at their pretty residence in Le Droit Park, returned to their homes on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Col. Wilkins had a large number of callers on Friday. She was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Porter; Miss Middleton, and several other ladies. Mrs. Porter, whose husband is now in the field, will spend the winter here with her parents.

Mrs. Valentine, of California, sister of Mrs. A. L. Rutter, 1605 Fifteenth street, will leave on the 15th for the Hot Springs, Ark., for the benefit of her health. Her niece, Marie V. Rutter, will accompany her.

Mrs. John G. Wamble, of Virginia, formerly Mrs. P. J. Gordon, of this city, is on a short visit here, and is stopping at the Strathmore Arms.

Miss Jennie Lubken, of Pennsylvania, will spend part of the winter with Mrs. Louise Longstreet Lee, of Tenth street.

Mrs. Gen. Mahone and daughter are at the Arlington. They received last Thursday with Mrs. Senator Sherman.

Miss Lathers, of New York, is spending the month of January with General and Mrs. Wright, 1203 N street.

Miss Madge Daly, of Montana, who has been the guest of Congressman and Mrs. Dixon, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, who have recently returned from Colorado, are located at 1617 Seventeenth street.

Mrs. Frank M. Ballenger and family are residing at 1205 Rhode Island avenue.

Miss Jessie Smith, of North Carolina, is visiting Mrs. C. Ulrich Kennedy.

Mrs. Bliss, of Brooklyn, is the guest of Mrs. and Miss Okie.

The reception by Colonel and Mrs. Garrick Mallory on Friday last was unusually gay and spirited. As was to be expected from the official relations of the host, there were present many officers of the Army, and also many scientists with the members of the families; but in addition a large number of familiar faces of Washington social life were noticed. Among the two hundred guests were Mrs. A. D. Andrews, General and Mrs. O. B. Wilcox, Surgeon General and Mrs. Brown, of the Navy; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pollok, Senator and Mrs. Teller, Colonel and Mrs. W. Winthrop, Senator and Mrs. Manderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kauffmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Soule, General and Mrs. H. G. Wright, Mrs. Senator Morrill and Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Senator Edmunds, General and Mrs. John Moore, Major and Mrs. J. W. Powell, the Misses Strong, Mrs. J. W. Foster, Mrs. J. K. McCammon, Mrs. and Miss Proctor, Professor S. P. Langley, General and Mrs. W. H. Browne, Gen. T. M. and Dr. Norris Vincent, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Bigelow, Miss Spofford, Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Outhwaite, Hon. and Mrs. W. H. Springer, Mrs. H. F. Munson, Judge and Mrs. Johnston, Miss Decca, Captain and Mrs. G. B. Bourke, Dr. and Mrs. McGruder, General and Mrs. W. V. Burne, Colonel and Mrs. George A. Woodward and Miss Woodward, and Mrs. Whittemore.

The Woman's National Press Association held its annual meeting in the parlors of Willard's Hotel on Friday night. There was a large attendance of members, the president, Mrs. M. D. Lincoln, in the chair. The president, recording secretary, and treasurer read their annual reports, which were accepted. Mrs. M. D. Lincoln was re-elected President; Mrs. M. S. Lockwood, Vice President; Mrs. L. E. Leggett, Corresponding Secretary, in place of Mrs. Mary Mohl, who has removed from the city; Mrs. M. L. King, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. H. Sperry, Treasurer, with Mrs. M. McPherson, Auditor. The reports showed increasing prosperity on the part of the association, thirty-five names having been added to the list of members during the year, and a balance in the treasury. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Mary Mohl, retiring corresponding secretary, in her present trials was passed by the association. Among those present were Clara Barton, Mrs. Mary Frost Ormsby, vice president W. N. P. A., from New York; Mrs. Eldridge Smith, Miss Isabella Hopkins, Mrs. J. N. Ralston, Mrs. M. S. Lockwood, Mrs. Belya Lockwood, Mrs. Sophia Townsend, and Miss Caroline Ransom.

The Garfield Sewing Circle was entertained very handsomely on Friday by Mrs. Jean Lander at 45 B street southeast. An unusually large attendance testified to the popularity of the hostess. Luncheon was served in the English style, being passed round to each guest. The ladies of the circle are fast completing many beautiful specimens of embroidery and fancy work for the approaching February valentine carnival. There were present Mrs. John A. Logan, president; Mrs. J. Ford Thompson and Mrs. R. G. Rutherford, vice presidents; Mrs. Justice Harlan, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. C. M. Clarke, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Tullock, Mrs. Dietrich, Mrs. Hepburn, Mrs. Hezer, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Kelm, Mrs. Herbert S. Owen, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Ashorn, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Seney, Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. Tucker, and Mrs. Tappan, the Misses Atkman, Brown, George, Hepburn, Morgan, McCeney, Owen, Schofield, Sinsabaugh, Stetson, and Robena Taylor.

Miss McLaughlin gave a progressive euchre party on Wednesday evening to introduce her guest, a daughter of Judge Arnold, of Philadelphia. Miss Arnold is one of the belles of that city, and is particularly entertaining in accounts of her travels in Europe. The ladies' first prize was won by Miss Clark, of Vermont avenue, and the gentleman's by Mr. P. H. Heiskell.

Miss Bessie Samuel, of Columbus, Ohio, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Bertha D. P. Lincoln, of 1424 Euclid Place, returned to Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., where she is a student, on Friday last.

Mrs. Walthall was assisted at her reception by Miss Walthall, Miss Tarr, Miss Paine, and Miss Harlan.

NEW YORK'S CHEAP SWELLS.

Youths and Men of Pretensions Leisure Who Live Heaven Knows How.

New York Star.

There are probably very few New Yorkers who have not experienced a feeling of irritation in the presence of a peculiarly exasperating element of the complex population of this town. Literally, scores of men are familiar to the public at large whose pretensions to swell-dom are so transparently false that they almost approach the grotesque. Yet as the years roll by they continue to float about upon the surface of life, are always to be found in public places, are on hand at all state occasions, and at every notable theatrical or public event, and apparently enjoy most of the privileges of the elect of the earth. After a time the feeling of curiosity about them dies away and that of exasperation takes its place. They pose as men about town, "rounders," gentlemen of leisure, and the like. Everybody knows that they are penniless, yet they live on luxuries. A famous restaurant keeper said not long ago that the difference between the real swells and the cheap swells could always be judged at dinner time. "Many men hang around a fashionable restaurant," he said, "and manage to build up more or less of a reputation by securing prominent seats in the windows and having their letters addressed in care of the place. Once in a great while they order a glass of beer, but they always carry their own cigars and cigarettes. It is cheaper. About 6 o'clock they are seated around the tables, but by 6:30 they invariably plead dinner engagements and hurry away. If anybody invites them to dine they spread all over the place, but these invitations are exceedingly scarce. The men whose position and wealth are what their clothes indicate over their dinners, as a matter of course, wherever they happen to be. There are literally dozens of men hanging about here who are constantly on view, who wear good clothes and showy rings, but are nevertheless penniless. They do not spend twenty cents a day upon themselves."

"Where do they all live?" "Ah, now you've struck a tremendous problem. The most prominent figure in the Hoffman House café is a man whose mother keeps a boarding-house in Fifty-eighth street. All strangers and many natives set him down as a man of prominence and wealth. Several habits of Delmonico's are known to be in the most desperate financial straits imaginable, but somehow they manage to keep on the surface. It is a peculiarity of the cheap swell that he never permits himself to live according to his means. If he is starving and has only fifty cents in his pocket he never for an instant thinks of going over to a restaurant on Sixth avenue, where he could buy a substantial meal for half that sum. On the contrary, he goes hungry, and sits in Delmonico's sipping a brandy and soda which cost him forty-five cents and lets the waiter go without a tip."

There are two general classes of the cheap swell in New York. One is composed of the silly and pretentious young men who pose to gratify an intense ambition and who fancy that they decide the world by their "society" airs, his flashy attire and assurance as the means of making a living. Men of the latter sort are very often keenly watched by the police. The former are more of a nuisance than a menace to society.

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The prices are almost in half. The knife has gone into them without regard to the cost. CHILDREN'S COATS, too, are cut down to the last notch. It would be useless to mention prices. You must see the garments to conceive the values.

SUCH A SALE OF

Muslin Underwear

Has never been known in this or any other city. It is your fortune that we are compelled to sacrifice Underwear, just at this time when you need it most. 25 to 30 per cent. is the difference between our prices and the lowest prices you have ever heard quoted.

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We Offer at a Reduction of 20. Per Cent.

Not alone on a few odd or soiled corsets, but the entire stock. Full line of sizes and all the popular makes. 20 per cent. off, whether its a 50c. or a \$4 corset.

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That we advertised a few days ago. We have sold hundreds of yards, but there is still a pretty fair assortment of colors. Think of it—

\$1.25 VELVETS AT 79c.
80c. SURAHS AT 57c.

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